

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of comprising:
determining services accessible via a subscription having an account and at least a first limit in a communication system, ~~the method comprising~~;
defining at least a first set of services and a second set of services to be used with the subscription, each set of services defining services accessible via the subscription;
comparing the balance of the account with the first limit;
using the first set of services when the balance of the account does not reach the first limit; and
using the second set of services when the balance reaches the first limit.
2. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, the method further comprising:
using in the communication system access point names to define where and how to connect the user of the subscription;
selecting during connection activation ~~the~~ an access point name to be used with this connection;
defining a first access point name for the first set of services; and
defining a second access point name for the second set of services.
3. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, the communication system comprising a firewall; and
the method further comprising defining accessible services via a set of services by defining at least a firewall configuration for the set of services.
4. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, the method further comprising defining accessible services via a set of services by defining at least a range of allowed addresses for the set of services.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, the method further comprising indicating the set of services which is to be used by the charging characteristics to be applied.

6. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, the second set of services comprising services free of charge.

7. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, the second set of services being a subset of the first set of services.

8. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, the method further comprising informing the user of the subscription of the services accessible via the second set of services in response to using the second set of services.

9. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein:
the subscription is a postpaid subscription;
the first limit is the maximum allowed amount of the bill; and
the balance of the account indicates the amount of the bill to be charged from the subscription.

10. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in any claim 1, wherein
the subscription is a prepaid subscription;
the first limit is the preset minimum value for the account; and
the balance of the account indicates the amount of money the subscriber still has in use.

11. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein at least the second set of services comprises a deposition service.

12. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the depositing service utilizes the authentication of the communication system when authenticating the one who wants to deposit.

13. (Currently Amended) A communication system providing a subscription with an account and at least a first limit, the communication system comprising:

a first node monitoring the balance of the account, wherein:

the communication system comprises memory for storing definitions of at least a first set of services and a second set of services to be used with the subscription, each set of services defining services accessible via the subscription; and

the communication system is arranged to compare the balance with the first limit and to allow access to the first set of services when the balance has not reached the first limit, and to allow access to the second set of services when the balance has reached the first limit.

14. (Currently Amended) A communication system as claimed in claim 13, wherein:

the first node is arranged to perform the comparison during connection activation and to indicate which set of services is to be used with the connection; and

in response to a connection with access to the first set of services to trigger deactivation of the connection when the balance reaches the first limit.

15. (Currently Amended) A communication system as claimed in claim 13, wherein:

the communication system further comprises a second node maintaining subscription information including at least an indication indicating an allowed set of services for the subscription;

the first node is arranged to perform the comparison and in response to the balance reaching the first limit to direct the second node to set the second set of services as the allowed set of services and in response to the balance, not any more reaching the first limit after reaching the first limit, to direct the second node to set the first set of services as the allowed set of services; and

the second node is arranged to send at least information on the allowed set of services as a part of the subscription information to the communication system during connection activation;

in response to a received direction from the first node to modify the first indication to correspond to the received direction; and in response to modifying the allowed set of services of an active connection to trigger deactivation of the connection.

16. (Previously Presented) A communication system as claimed in claim 15, wherein the subscription information maintained in the second node further includes at least identification information on the first and second set of services and the indication indicates which one of the sets of services is the allowed set of services.

17. (Currently Amended) A communication system as claimed in claim 13, wherein:

the communication system supports the General Packet Radio Service; and
the connection is activated by activating a PDP context.

18. (Currently Amended) A network node in a communication system providing a subscription with an account and at least a first limit, the network node being arranged to monitor the balance of the account, wherein:

the network node is arranged to compare the balance with the first limit and to allow access to a first set of services when the balance does not reach the first limit, and to allow access to a second set of services when the balance reaches or has reached the first limit, both sets of services defining services accessible via the subscription.

19. (Currently Amended) A network node in a communication system providing a subscription with an account and at least a first limit, the network node being arranged to monitor the balance of the account, wherein:

the network node is arranged to communicate with a second network node; to compare the balance with the first limit; and to indicate to the second network node which set of services from among at least two different sets of services defined for the subscription is the allowed set of services on the basis of said comparison, each set of said at least two different sets of services defining services accessible via the subscription.

20. (Previously Presented) A network node as claimed in claim 19, wherein the network node is arranged to indicate the allowed set of services in response to the balance reaching the limit and in response to the balance not any more reaching the limit.

21. (Previously Presented) A network node in a communication system providing a subscription, wherein the network node is arranged to receive from the communication

system an indication indicating the use of a certain set of services from among at least two different sets of services defined for the subscription, each set of said at least two different sets of services defining services accessible via the subscription; and in response to receiving the indication to provide access only to services included in the indicated certain set of services.

22. (Previously Presented) A network node as claimed in claim 21, wherein the network node is arranged, in response to receiving the indication, to inform the user of the subscription of the services accessible via the indicated certain set of services.

23. (Previously Presented) A network node as claimed in claim 21, wherein the network node is arranged to receive an access point name as the indication of the set of services, the access point name being used in the communication system to define where and how to connect the user of the subscription.

24. (Previously Presented) A network node as claimed in claim 21, wherein the network node is an application server.

25. (Previously Presented) A method of determining services accessible via a subscription having an account and at least a predetermined first limit in a communication system, the method comprising:

maintaining definitions of at least a first set of services and a second set of services to be used with the subscription, each set of services defining services accessible via the subscription, the second set of services being a subset of the first set of services and comprising services which are not charged from the subscriber;

comparing, during connection activation, the balance of the account with the first limit;

deciding, during connection activation and on the basis of the comparison, which set of services, among said at least the first set of services and the second set of services, can be used;

using the first set of services when the balance of the account does not reach the first limit; and

using the second set of services when the balance reaches the first limit.

26. (New) A processor comprising program code configuring a network element in a communication system to:

provide a subscription with an account and at least a first limit,
monitor the balance of the account,
compare the balance with the first limit and to allow access to a first set of services when the balance does not reach the first limit, and
allow access to a second set of services when the balance reaches or has reached the first limit, both sets of services defining services accessible via the subscription.

27. (New) A processor comprising program code configuring a network element in a communication system to

provide a subscription with an account and at least a first limit, monitor the balance of the account,
communicate with a second network node;
compare the balance with the first limit; and to indicate to the second network node which set of services from among at least two different sets of services defined for the subscription is the allowed set of services on the basis of said comparison, each set of said at least two different sets of services defining services accessible via the subscription.

28. (New) A processor as claimed in claim 27, further comprising program code configuring the network element to indicate the allowed set of services in response to the balance reaching the limit and in response to the balance not any more reaching the limit.

29. (New) A processor comprising program code configuring a network element in a communication system to:

provide a subscription,
receive from the communication system an indication indicating the use of a certain set of services from among at least two different sets of services defined for the subscription, each set of said at least two different sets of services defining services accessible via the subscription; and
provide, in response to receiving the indication, access only to services included in the indicated certain set of services.

30. (New) A processor as claimed in claim 29, further comprising program code configuring the network element to, in response to receiving the indication, inform the user of the subscription of the services accessible via the indicated certain set of services.

31. (New) A processor as claimed in claim 29, further comprising program code configuring the network element to receive an access point name as the indication of the set of services, the access point name being used in the communication system to define where and how to connect the user of the subscription.

32. (New) A computer readable medium encoding a computer program of instructions for executing a computer process for determining services accessible via a subscription having an account and at least a first limit in a communication system, the process comprising:

defining at least a first set of services and a second set of services to be used with the subscription, each set of services defining services accessible via the subscription;

comparing the balance of the account with the first limit;

using the first set of services when the balance of the account does not reach the first limit; and

using the second set of services when the balance reaches the first limit.